

Attachment 2

RE: Communist Sabotage

1. We are conducting a continuing investigation to determine to what extent the Communist orbit countries and Communist-affiliated organizations in the west are preparing for, or engaged in, sabotage action. As a working hypothesis, to serve as a basis for further study, we are regarding the following facts as probably true:

- a. Training centers in Iron Curtain countries are providing sabotage instruction to Communists from the West. Such training is given to persons who will serve as agents in long-range Soviet Intelligence operations. An explosion which occurred in Hamburg, Germany on 7 March 1955 while two former German Communists were mixing explosive materials indicated that such stay-behind operations have reached the planning and preparatory stage. Reporting about this incident indicates that both men had received instruction of undetermined nature behind the Iron Curtain and that a Soviet as well as an East German Intelligence Service may have been involved in the operation.
- b. In non-Orbit countries, where political conditions are relatively stable, sabotage instruction given in Communist Party cell meetings has been restricted to the

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activity.

- c. Isolated instances of sabotage committed by Communists in certain countries in recent years, have been the result of (a) excessive zeal on the part of individual Party members strongly affected by Communist propaganda, or (b) an action taken by a Communist Party to impress left-wing, non-Communist Parties and their affiliates with Communist capabilities.

2. The following statement made by a former Soviet intelligence officer indicates the ultimate control probably exercised by an agency of the Soviet government over sabotage action planned by a foreign (that is, non-Soviet or non-Satellite) Communist Party:

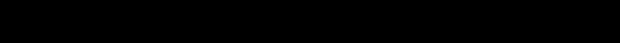
"Communist Parties abroad would not normally be given sabotage missions. If a local Communist leader thought that an act of sabotage should be committed, he could state his reasons and make appropriate recommendations for approval of his plan by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The Central Committee, CPSU, would probably not issue direct orders for this type of action, as it is generally reserved for the MVD, even to the exclusion of GRU. This would hold true especially in wartime."

3. We shall appreciate receiving any information you may possess which will assist in clarifying the extent and type of sabotage planning and activity now being undertaken by Soviet and Satellite Intelligence Services and by Communist Parties; the identification of targets, devices, equipment and materials to be used, etc. We are espe-

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 concerning sabotage instruction  
given in training centers behind the Iron Curtain.